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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
9 SOUTHERN DIVISION

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,) SACR 15-00004-CJC
11 Plaintiff,) ORDER Of DETENTION
12 v.)
13 RICHARD HOON CHUNG,)
14 Defendant.)
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17 The Defendant's motion for review of the Magistrate
18 Judge's detention order and for release is **DENIED**. The
19 Court finds that no condition or combination of
20 conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of
21 Defendant as required and the safety of the community.
22 The Court has considered (i) the nature and circumstances
23 of the 19 counts of wire fraud charged; (ii) the weight of the
24 evidence against Defendant; (iii) the history and
25 characteristics of Defendant; and (iv) the nature and
26 seriousness of the danger to the community.

27 As to flight risk, the grand jury returned a 19 count
28 indictment charging Defendant with serious wire fraud.

1 Specifically, Defendant is charged with defrauding Medicare by
2 means of fraudulent billing over a seven-year period resulting
3 in a loss of approximately \$7.1 million. If convicted,
4 Defendant faces a very lengthy prison sentence. Defendant
5 also has very significant ties to Korea. He was born there.
6 He speaks Korean fluently. For the past 14 years, on nearly a
7 yearly basis, Defendant has traveled to Korea where he stays
8 for two to three weeks to visit family and friends. The Court
9 also has serious concerns regarding Defendant's sureties. The
10 home Defendant's purported ex-wife is offering for security
11 has a significant mortgage and the Court does not see how
12 Defendant's purported ex-wife can make the mortgage payments.
13 In any events the home may have been acquired with ill-gotten
14 gains from Defendant's scheme and subsequently transferred by
15 him to his purported ex-wife to shield it from the Government.

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17 As to danger, Defendant is charged with very troubling
18 economic crimes. Defendant purportedly had the intellect and
19 audacity to create and implement a fraudulent seven-year
20 scheme that undermined the Government's vital medicare program
21 designed to protect and care for the elderly and sick. He
22 also appears now to have conspired with his wife to shield
23 assets from the Government. And he allegedly used the ill
24 gotten gains to fund a lavish lifestyle. Defendant's alleged
25 actions reflect a heartless mentality. There is a significant
26 risk that he would commit further crimes if released.

1 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Defendant be detained prior
2 to trial.

3 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant be committed to the
4 custody of the Attorney General for confinement in a
5 corrections facility separate, to the extent practicable, from
6 persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody
7 pending appeal.

8 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant be afforded
9 reasonable opportunity for private consultation with counsel.

10 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, on order of a Court of the
11 United States or on request of any attorney for the
12 Government, the person in charge of the corrections facility
13 in which Defendant is confined deliver Defendant to a United
14 States marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection
15 with a court proceeding.

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18 Dated: January 21, 2015

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HONORABLE CORMAC J. CARNEY
United States District Judge

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